



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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Dance Club News

Dance Club of Grays Harbor 2022 TENTATIVE DANCE SCHEDULE

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam
Dance admission is only \$10 per person

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May 21      August 20      October 15

**Thurs., Apr. 28: Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm;  
**Music: Dukes of Swing;** Info: (360) 532-2211



**Sat., Apr. 30 : Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Dancing** 7pm- ??; **Music: The Randy Band;** Info: (360) 532-2211

**Sun., May 1: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society**, at Olympia Elks, 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **Music:** \_\_\_\_\_;  
**Dance:** 1-3pm; small cover charge \$??.  
[www.olyjazz.com/](http://www.olyjazz.com/)



**Wed., May 4: Manhattan Club**, at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; every Wednesday; free WCS lesson by Terry West 6:30; dance: 7:30-10pm; **Music:** DJ Terry West; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; Info: 253/732-6664; [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)

For our DCGH dances, various bands or DJs provide the music for dancing, to ChaCha, East Coast Swing, Foxtrot, Mambo, Merengue, Rumba, Salsa, Samba, Tango, Argentine Tango, Waltz, and West Coast Swing, as well as some line dances like Cowboy ChaCha, Ten-Step, and Tush Push.

**Our Dance Club will be following the Governor's guidelines as to mask requirements and vaccines.**

**Sat., May 7: Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Music: DJ Kregg Mattson;** **Dance:** 7-10pm; \$10; (360) 753-0186.

2022 Dance Club Membership dues – Still only \$0 per person!!! That's right!

**Dance admission is \$10 per person!**

Please make checks payable to  
DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR

**Welcome to our New Dancers!**

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a real thing. We ask you to consider your choices of scents (perfumes, colognes, lotions, etc.) when coming to our dances.



**Sat., May 14: Olympia Elks**, 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **130<sup>th</sup> & 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Gala; Music: Black Satin Quintet; Dance:** 5pm-midnight; (360) 753-0186. [www.facebook.com/OlympiaElks](http://www.facebook.com/OlympiaElks). If you deferred your ticket from the first date, you're all set. If you wish to attend, call the lodge secretary, or visit the lodge during lodge events, meetings, or Queen of Hearts to purchase a ticket. Tickets remain \$35.00 and must be purchased by 5/11. No tickets will be available on the night of the dance. There will be dance only options for \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 a couple, but those too must be purchased in advance. OLY Elks virtual home page: [Elks.org](http://Elks.org) :: [Lodge #0186 Home](#)

**Sat., May 14: Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm; **Music: Broken Sky;** 7-10pm; \$10 Info: (360) 532-2211

**Sat., May 21: Dance Club of Grays Harbor** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), **Hoquiam Elks**, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Mark; FREE dance lesson:** 7-8 pm; **Dance:** 8-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Thurs., May 26: Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm; **Music: Dukes of Swing;** Info: (360) 532-2211



**Sat., May 28 : Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **Dancing** 7pm- ??; **Music: The Randy Band;** Info: (360) 532-2211

**Sat., June 11 : Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; **BRIAN LEDBETTER**, Sensational Concert Illusionist; Dinner at 6pm (steak or salmon); only 100 presold tickets available! \$40 per person includes dinner and show; Info: (360) 532-2211

**Tuesdays: OLY Swing**, at **Olympia Eagles**, 4<sup>th</sup> & Plum, Olympia; 6-7pm in-depth lesson; 7-7:30 class; dancing ECS, Blues, Lindy Hop 7:30-10:30pm. \$7 general admission.. [www.tuesdayswing.com/](http://www.tuesdayswing.com/) Vaccines and masks required.

**Wednesdays: Manhattan Club**, at **AmVets Hall**, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; every Wednesday; **free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-10pm; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; Info: 253/732-6664;** [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org). They're having dances again!

**Wednesdays (and other days): Pacific Ballroom**, 1604 15<sup>TH</sup> St. SW, Auburn; 30 min. lesson, 90 min. social dancing; light refreshments provided. [www.pacificballroom.com](http://www.pacificballroom.com); Info : 253/939-6524; also other dances on other days: Wed., Thurs., Sat., and Sun.. DJ dances (some with live bands). Calendar available at [www.pacificballroom.org](http://www.pacificballroom.org) Must provide proof of vac or negative test. Look at their website. They have some interesting events coming up!

**Thursdays: Randy Litch at the Olympia VFW**, 2902 Martin Way E., Olympia; 1-4pm; need to have a dance partner to attend; \$20 per couple; no mask or vaccination requirements. Water and coffee provided; food and beverages available from the bar; [www.randylitch.net](http://www.randylitch.net); email [randylitch@comcast.net](mailto:randylitch@comcast.net); cell/text: 253/530-6185.

**Thursdays: T-Town Swing**, at Urban Grace, 902 Market St., Tacoma; every Thursday; lesson 8pm; dance 8:30-11:30pm; <https://www.facebook.com/tacomaswingdance/>. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

**Thursdays: Tacoma Elks**, at Allenmore Golf & Events Center, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma; every Thursday; \$6 Elks members; \$8 USA Dance members; \$10 all others; Info: 253-272-1117

Tuesday – Swing at the OLY Eagles  
 Wednesday – Manhattan Dance Club at AmVets Hall in Tacoma [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)  
 Thursday – T-Town Swing in Tacoma  
 Thursday – Randy Litch at OLY VFW 1-4pm (check with Randy at [www.randylitch.net](http://www.randylitch.net)) (need to bring a partner)  
 Thursday – Pacific Ballroom, Auburn [www.pacificballroom.org](http://www.pacificballroom.org)  
 Friday – Salsa Dance Social in OLY  
 Friday – Rockin' Horse Dance Barn in Renton  
 Saturday – Pacific Ballroom in Auburn  
 Sunday – NW Dancesport Dance in Auburn

Studio 6 Ballroom: [www.Studio6Ballroom.com/](http://www.Studio6Ballroom.com/). Note: **\*Dances currently suspended due to health mandates.**

**Love to Dance Club** in OLY is considering starting to have dances again! Hooray!

**Olympia Elks** may also be having dances again soon! Yay!

**No word yet** from Tacoma Elks, Absolutely Ballroom, SRC, USA Dance Tacoma, or any of the casinos.

## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be **Mon., May 2, 2022, at 6 p.m.** at Hoquiam Chiropractic (Mark Van Hemert's office), 320 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Hoquiam. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

## 2022 Washington Senior Games Dance Competition



**Saturday, July 9, 2022**

Doors open at 11am; Competition 12pm – 4:30pm

The Olympia Center  
 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia, WA 98501  
 360-586-6181

(Click on link below for more info, registration forms, and deadlines for entering)

<http://www.washingtonstateseniorgames.com/DanceInfo.htm>

## Other Dancing Events!

(Some of these are old sites, so be sure to check on them before you make the trip!)

**DCGH Dance on 4/23/22**





right to the dance. Ron has posted hundreds of videos from our dances since 2011, from general dancing to events to an awards ceremony, and there are many more demonstration dances than are listed on the website. I hope you enjoy all of these. A lot of these links are also posted on the Photos page of our website.



Our DCGH website will be updated soon, with more information and with the photos from our April dance. There are links to previous dances and demonstrations on the Photos page. Please check our website periodically to see what's new!

***Dance! It's what we do!***

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**Editor's Notes:**

Good news! Other dance clubs are getting to open up again to dancing. Manhattan Club has been open awhile. Love to Dance Club and the OLY Elks are getting ready! Check out the lists above!

I think we caught some people by surprise by having to change our regular dance night from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. It was Easter weekend, so we switched to 4/23. We had over a dozen people show up. Of course, when the dance floor isn't as crowded, we really get a chance to do those big Waltz moves! Thanks to all those who caught the change of date and came to join us.

The teaching lessons that Arlene and Mark made in 2020 are getting closer to being posted on YouTube.

The videos are Foxtrot, Merengue, East Coast Swing, Cha-Cha, Samba, Tush Push, Tango, West Coast Swing, Ten-Step, Salsa, American Waltz, and Rumba. When I get them uploaded to YouTube (*each one takes about 45 min. to upload*),



anyone will be able to access them, and you won't have to have a Facebook account to look at them. [I obviously haven't worked very hard on getting them uploaded, but I'm getting there! Really!]

There is a PDF spreadsheet link posted on the Photos page of our website with of all the demos and general dancing that have been posted to YouTube by Ron Eckardt and by me. Just click on the links (or copy and past them to the YouTube website) and it should go

**Links for DCGH website, and other links to photos and videos**

The DCGH website – Check us out at [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com).

Previous Senior Games videos of heats, exhibitions, demonstrations and awards ceremonies, posted on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal](http://www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal).

Photos of the Senior Games heats posted on Flickr: [www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/).

If you're on Facebook, you can go to our page: [www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor)

*DCGH would appreciate raffle gift donations at our monthly dance if you would like to "re-gift" something nice. Thanks!*